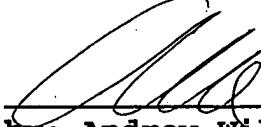


Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

Three new independent claims have been added to the case. A PTO-2038 for one extra independent claim is enclosed herewith.

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